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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Policy issues for action by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

4. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:

   (a) International Narcotics Control Board;

   (b) Changes in the scope of control of substances;

   (c) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

5. Monitoring of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and other coordination matters.

6. Administrative and budgetary matters.

7. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission and future work.

8. Other matters.

9. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session.

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Annotations

The General Assembly, in its resolution 51/64, section IV, welcomed Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/17 and decided that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should act as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities, to be held from 8 to 10 June 1998.

Subsequently, the Economic and Social Council by its decision 1997/234, decided that, at its forty-first session, the Commission should meet for three days for its regular segment, during which the Commission will carry out its role as a functional commission of the Council and as governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), and for five days for its special segment, during which it will act as the preparatory body for the special session of the Assembly.

The present document contains the provisional agenda, annotations and provisional timetable for the regular segment of the forty-first session, to be held from 11 to 13 March 1998. The provisional agenda, annotations and provisional timetable for the special segment of that session, to be held from 16 to 20 March 1998, will be issued separately (E/CN.7/1998/PC/1).

Item 1

Elections are held in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Beginning with its eleventh session, held in 1990, the Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers at the forty-first session will be from the following regional groups: Chairman—Africa; first Vice-Chairman—Asia; second Vice-Chairman—eastern Europe; third Vice-Chairman—Europe; and Rapporteur—Latin America and the Caribbean. Officers are elected for a one-year term.

The officers elected at the special segment of the fortieth session of the Commission will remain in office until the special session of the General Assembly. Therefore, the officers for the special segment of the forty-first session of the Commission will be as follows:

Chairman:	Alvaro de Mendonça e Moura (Portugal)
First Vice-Chairman:	Alberto Scavarelli (Uruguay)
Vice-Chairmen:	Daniela Rozgonová (Slovakia) N. J. Mxakato-Diseko (South Africa)
Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur	N. K. Singh (India)

Item 2

On the recommendation of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its fortieth session, the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1997/233, approved the provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Commission.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission normally establishes the timetable for its session. A provisional timetable for consideration by the Commission at its forty-first session is contained in the annex to the present document.

As indicated above, the provisional agenda and timetable contained in the present document concern only its activities from 11 to 13 March 1998, when it will carry out its role as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. For the period from 16 to 20 March, when it will act as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly, the Commission will have a separate agenda and timetable.

At the fortieth session of the Commission, it was noted that having a shortened regular segment of the forty-first session of the Commission would entail not having a general debate at that session. In view of the fact that the Commission at its forty-first session will need to act as the preparatory body for the special session to be held in June 1998, it will have to limit its activities to considering its treaty obligations and, as the governing body of UNDCP, to considering its administrative, budgetary and programmatic functions.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.7/1998/1)

Item 3

At its fortieth session the Commission agreed on the draft provisional agenda for its forty-first session, according to which the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNDCP would be considered under the item entitled "Policy issues for action by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme". The Commission, in examining the report (E/CN.7/1998/2), will be invited to give policy guidance to UNDCP.

The Commission at its forty-first session is also invited to continue its practice of refraining from giving oral statements concerning the situation with regard to drug abuse and illicit trafficking or concerning statistical data relating to drug seizures.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/1998/2)

Item 4 (a)

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may take such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,[1] article 17 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[2] and article 21 of the Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988[3] authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 1997 (E/INCB/1997/1) will be before the Commission.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 (E/INCB/1997/4) should be considered at the same time as the main report of the Board for 1997. That would be in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1997 (E/INCB/1997/1)

Precursors and Chemicals Frequently Used in the Illicit Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances: Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1997 on the Implementation of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/1997/4)

Item 4 (b)

At its forty-first session the Commission will have before it for its information a note by the Secretariat on the status of legal notifications transmitted to the Secretary-General by States parties to the international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/1998/3), pursuant to article 2 of the 1971 Convention and article 12 of the 1988 Convention. No action on this matter is required of the Commission at its forty-first session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing information on the status of legal notifications transmitted to the Secretary-General by States parties to the international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/1998/3)

Item 4 (c)

At its forty-first session, the Commission will have before it, also for its information, a note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the international drug control treaties: other matters arising from the international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/1998/4). The note will contain information on various publications, as well as on the replies to the questionnaire prepared by UNDCP on the implementation by States of articles 4, 6 and 7 of the 1988 Convention. No action on this matter is required of the Commission at its forty-first session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the international drug control treaties: other matters arising from the international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/1998/4)

Item 5

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/38, the Commission is called upon to review the development and implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control. At its fortieth session, the Commission agreed on a draft provisional agenda for its forty-first session that reflected a proposal to consider as an agenda item in even years the implementation, review and updating of the System-Wide Action Plan. At its forty-first session, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/1998/5) on the coordination of drug control activities within the United Nations system and updated information on those activities.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the coordination of drug control activities within the United Nations system (E/CN.7/1998/5)

Updated United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (E/CN.7/1998/CRP.1)

Item 6

At its fortieth session, the Commission had before it a report of the Executive Director containing the revised draft financial rules of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/1997/8, annex I). The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in its report on the Fund of UNDCP and the proposed revised budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and proposed outline for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/CN.7/1997/10, para. 42), stated that it had no objection to the promulgation of separate financial rules for the Fund of UNDCP. The Advisory Committee recommended, however, that some adjustments relating to the budget format and process should be introduced and that the revised draft financial rules should then be submitted to it before being promulgated. The Commission, in its resolution 6 (XL), expressed support for the revised draft financial rules, adding that the recommendations set out in the report of the Advisory Committee should be taken into account. At its reconvened fortieth session, the Commission adopted resolution 7 (XL) and resolution 8 (XL), in which it commended the Executive Director for introducing the new harmonized budget model and the new integrated programming approach. Taking into account the resolutions adopted, the Executive Director again revised the draft financial rules for the Fund of UNDCP. At its forty-first session, the Commission will have before it, for its consideration, the newly revised draft financial rules (E/CN.7/1998/6, annex I) and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (E/CN.7/1998/8). Should the Commission endorse that proposal, the financial rules will be promulgated by mid-1998.

Documentation

Note by the Executive Director on the revised draft financial rules of the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/1998/6)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/CN.7/1998/8)

Item 7

Under item 7 of its agenda, the Commission will be invited to draw up the draft provisional agenda and list of documents for its forty-second session and to consider other organizational matters relating to its future work (E/CN.7/1998/7).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission and future work (E/CN.7/1998/7)

Item 8

No issues that need to be raised under agenda item 8 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on that item is currently foreseen.

Item 9

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its forty-first session on the afternoon of the last day of that session.

Notes

[1]United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

[2]Ibid., vol. 1019, No. 14956.

[3]*Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.XI.).

Annex

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The timetable shown below is subject to approval by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been finished, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 11 March

1156th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 1.*	Election of officers
	Item 2.	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3.	Policy issues for action by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
1157th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 3.*	Policy issues for action by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (*continued*)

Thursday, 12 March

1158th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 4 (a).*	International Narcotics Control Board
1159th meeting 3 p. m.-6 p.m.	*Item 4 (a).*	International Narcotics Control Board (*continued*)

Friday, 13 March

1160th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 5.*	Monitoring of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse and other coordination matters
	Item 6.	Administrative and budgetary matters
	Item 7.	Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission and future work
	Item 8.	Other matters
1161st meeting 3 p.m-6 p.m.	Adoption of draft resolutions and decisions	
	Item 9.	Adoption of the report of the Commission